

The Sanguinist

Voice of CATHOLIC ACTION

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Here's How to Prepare for Christmas

1. If You are a Modern pagan

1. Be sure you spend most of your mental and physical energy on Christmas shopping. Worry and think about nothing else. Scarcities and high prices make this precept particularly easy.

Choose your gifts wisely. Give them only to those whom you can expect a proportionate return. Good business always come out on the profit side.

2. The time you do not spend on shopping be sure to use in worrying about arranging parties. Again, scarcities and high prices will come into play, this time to make things a bit more difficult. But extra sacrifice on your part for a pagan Christmas will bring extra dividends in the way of social prestige. And dividends, remember, are what you are after.

3. Be sure you show plenty of "good cheer" and "fellowship" and "good will to men." Eat, drink, and be merry—but try to make it mostly at your friends' expense.

4. For heaven's sake, stay out of Church on Christmas.

5. The only decent place for a good pagan to be on Christmas is at a movie or a stage show. Your hours at the theatre should always be followed by dinner, and more cocktails than you can stand.

6. Be sure you have no Christmas Crib in your home. A gay, sparkling tree alone gives a much more religion-free atmosphere.

2. If you are a Catholic

1. Prepare your minds and hearts. Think often, no matter what your hands may be doing at that moment, of the wonder that the Son of God should become a man, walk among men, suffer as men do. Just thinking five minutes each day on the truth: "God became man", will work wonders in helping you to appreciate the real spirit of Christmas.

2. Don't count your gifts in dollars and cents, and don't stifle yourself planning how to come out ahead. Christ certainly was not the one to profit by giving Himself to us. He never did try to come out ahead. And you are supposed to be his faithful follower.

3. No Catholic has to be a teetotaler. This is the birthday of the Son of God. And like all birthdays it should be properly celebrated. But why turn it into a brawl.

4. The most important thing you can

possibly do on Christmas day is receive the infant, whose birthday is celebrated, in Holy Communion.

5. This is also the birthday of the model Holy Family—the model upon which your's is supposed to be built. Give your family all your attention then today.

6. Christmas is also childrens' day. Even though you have grown up, be child-like enough, humble enough, simple enough, to make a good Confession. The only thing most of

really grow up in is PRIDE, and like most malignant growths pride is removed only with great pain, the pain of a good confession.



“Pin-Ups” And The Crucifix

You cannot play with a jungle kitty. You may put it on a leash, feed it cream, and pet it thinking it is contented. But jungle kitties want meat. They'll get it even if it means your leg. There's no palying friends with a wild cat.

It's the same thing with temptations. They'll get you if you don't get them first.

Pin-Ups belong to a species of moral jungle kitties. If some one can demonstrate how they can be other than occasions of sin, he has the markings of a great thinker, or perhaps like the printers of those famous little “Blue Books,” of a great stinker. As occasions of sin, they must be avoided.

Some might object that for them a good stare at a pin-up never did any harm. They're mighty men, McGee! (Or are they men at all?) But grant for the moment there are such angels in the flesh in our midst. Then comes the question: what about their neighbors? How many times are not the curvaceous cuties on the wall the occasion of some buddy suffering temptations, or worse, falling into sin.

Remember that you cannot plead innocence. You **are** your brother's keeper.

You may be severely judged for the sins of another. But perhaps you do not have enough of your own to worry about?

“Christ and the Chorus Girl” makes a swell story of conversion and salvation of Eve Lovalliere, the Parisian dancer. But as the decorative scheme of your room it's terrible. Can you honestly imagine anything as abhorrent as the walls of a Catholic student's room splattered with gobs of riotously colored anatomy. Buried in this grand exposition, a sorrowful lonely crucifix tries to breathe an atmosphere of pure love and sacrifice. Grand wonder that Catholic men so try to compromise!

Another grand contradiction is a student's desk, complete with picture of sweetheart, sister, mother or the Blessed Virgin. On the walls, serving as background for these women whom any man is bound to respect is a bevy of undraped forms from the lurid pages of “Esquire”, or some other pornographic magazine.

Men, it just can't be done. It doesn't make sense!

“You cannot play with fire and not get burned” is an old platitude. But it

deserves consideration. You cannot have the purest of thoughts in a gallery of

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WE'RE FOR

God in all Campus activity.

Frequent Communion and frequent Confession.

Conscience and moral law in Church, on the Campus, on a date, in the court rooms of this nation and all nations.

Rights and DUTIES where they belong.

Plenty of laughs, in the right places, about the right things.

WE'RE AGAINST

Sleepy, sloppy Catholics.

Two sets of morals, one for Sunday, one for weekdays.

Chislors, phonies, stuffed-shirts.

Gripping.

Racists and Racketeers (in or out of labor unions.)

Anything that is wrong (to be more fully specified as occasion demands.)

SPEAKING EPIGRAMMATICALLY

The most profitless thing to manufacture is excuses.

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The best way out of a difficulty is through it.

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The young man who aspires to do things must early learn to do without things.

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Don't talk about abilities. Demonstrate them.

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The Government imposes taxes on our income. We ourselves impose taxes on our output.

Are your friends inclined to look upon you as an ass or an asset?

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Water that is stagnant is worthless. So are men.

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A dose of adversity is often better than a dose of medicine.

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Her whistle makes a lot of noise, but it is her propeller that pushes a steamer forward.

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No big effort gives no big success.

ATLANTA HOTEL TRAGEDY

Christ was at that fire. The news accounts did not describe it quite that way. Reporters simply said that "priests were present giving the Last Rites to the dying." When a priest hears of an accident, he rushes to the scene with the Holy Oils and anoints the dying person whom he thinks to be a Catholic. The Last Rites means that the priest is administering the Sacraments of Extreme Unction.

Extreme Unction is really Christ come to help the person to enter heaven. We can say that Christ is invisibly present when the priest anoints. Through the anointing with Holy Oil, Christ forgives the recipient of the Sacrament all his sins, mortal and venial, even though he is unconscious. The person, of course, must have some love of God in his heart to obtain this merciful forgiveness. Our Blessed Lord forgives only where he finds sorrow for sin prompted at least by fear of hell, or a fear of losing heaven.

Christ instituted Extreme Unction to hurry a person into Heaven; through the Last Anointing he helps one bypass Purgatory. Heaven is closed to those who have a debt of temporal punishment. Christ himself pays up a great amount of that indebtedness in virtue of Extreme Unction, and He encourages

the dying person, if he is conscious, to suffer patiently, and thereby pay the remainder of the debt.

This fire, like, every disaster, reminds you to be ready for sudden death. It should remind you, too, to learn to call for a priest when injured or seriously sick, and to call a priest for relatives and friends who are seriously ill. For a Catholic the priest is more important than a doctor. A priest brings Christ who is your God, and when you have God you have everything.

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"PIN-UPS" AND THE CRUCIFIX

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lurid pin-ups. And that deserves the best of your consideration.

How about removing the substitutes? Instead of pin-ups, why not use the inspiration of some decent, loveable American woman, your sweetheart perhaps, or your sister, or your mother, or Mary. And if you need a crucifix, you can get one free of charge at the office of Student Welfare.

At any rate, let's get the pernicious pornography out of our rooms!

Solemn Words of the Most Solemn Authority

"I thank God for letting me live in the present circumstances, in the midst of a crisis so universal, so deep and unique in the history of man and the Church. Anybody should be proud of being a witness of, and, to a certain extent, an actor in this sublime drama in which good and evil have come to grips in a gigantic duel. At the present time, no one has the right to take refuge in mediocrity, and I am sure that this formidable upheaval will see the Church emerging more resplendent and better adapted to modern needs." Pius XI. . . London Tablet; June 6, 1937

"How universally has the true Christian spirit become impaired; which formerly produced such lofty sentiments even in uncultured and illiterate men! In its stead
Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno

". . . for dead matter leaves the factory ennobled and transformed, where men are corrupted and degraded."
Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno

"Nevertheless, it may be said with all truth that nowadays the conditions of social and economic life are such that vast multitudes of men can only with difficulty pay attention to that one thing necessary, namely their eternal salvation."
Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno

"On the other hand, we observe with concern that the number of priests is inadequate to the needs of the day, here for lack of vocations, there from restriction of intercourse with men."
Pius XI, Letter Cardinal Segura and
Spanish Hierarchy, Nov. 6, 1929

"Nowadays, as more than once in the history of the Church, we are confronted with a world which in large measure has almost fallen back into paganism."
Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno

"And in truth the world has nowadays sore need of valiant soldiers of Christ."
Pius XI, Quadragesimo Anno

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HER ANSWER IS CATHOLIC ACTION.

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